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WOMEN'S PRICE LIST:

Ladies' Suits	\$1.00
Dresses Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Waists Cleaned and Pressed	50c to 65c
Jackets Cleaned and Pressed	75c
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Cloaks Cleaned and Pressed	\$1.00
Dresses Dyed and Pressed	\$1.25 to \$2.50

GOODS SHIPPED EVERY DAY

BRANCH OFFICE

J. A. GERHARDT

ALMA, MICH.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Born, Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Richy, a boy.
Mae Marsh in "Sunshine Alley," Idlehour, Sunday.
W. W. Caple was in Mt Pleasant on business Wednesday.
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f
Miss Dorothy Jackson spent Sunday and New Year's day in Belding.
The Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Maynard Pringle, 207 Hastings street, on Monday, January 7th.
Special attraction—Idlehour, Thursday. Dorothy Dalton in "The Price Mark."
Return engagement, Douglas Fairbanks in "The Lamb."—Idlehour, Tuesday.
Daniel Goggin returned last week from Chicago, where he was called by the serious illness of a sister.
Taylor Holmes in "Efficiency Edgar's Courtship,"—tonight, Friday. You will like the star and the play.
Mr. McNeal of New Brunswick and John Canef of Louisville, Ky., spent Tuesday in Alma, guests of R. L. Goggin.
A regular meeting of the Alma chapter No. 43 O. E. S., will be held Friday evening, January 4, at 7:30 in the Masonic hall.
Dr. Elton of Idaho, who is taking a post graduate course at Chicago, visited his sister, Mrs. J. J. Osborn, of this city yesterday.
Miss Eva Soper of Raymond, Washington is visiting at the home of her cousin, George Soper. Miss Soper is superintendent of schools at Raymond.
Mrs. B. F. Stebbins left the fore part of the week for Homestead, Fla., where she will spend the balance of the winter at the home of her parents.
Mrs. George Ines will open a first class ladies' tailoring and dressmaking parlors at Mrs. F. A. Bennett's Hint Shop. Come and give us a trial. 24-1-c
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith entertained twelve guests at a watch night party at their home New Year's evening. A fine time is reported by those who were present.
The venerable arch-deacon Jermin attended service in St. John's church Sunday. He paid an official visit to the church at St. Louis, and came to Alma to attend the Vesper service.
The Misses Celia and Myrtle Cresser, who have been spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cresser, have returned to Cheboygan, where they are teaching in the high schools of that city this year.
Mrs. Maynard Pringle and daughter, Josephine, spent the holidays in Detroit with Dr. Pringle's parents. Dr. Pringle spent Christmas with them returning the following day, while Mrs. Pringle and her daughter remained in Detroit until Monday.
Very impressive were the Christmas communion services and the New Year's services at St. Mary's church made the more so by the beautiful manner in which Elizabeth, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Goggin, sang the communion hymn.
The Alma high school basketball team is again practicing under the direction of coach Maxwell, and indications are beginning to point to a fast quintet to represent the orange and black this year. The schedule is not entirely arranged yet, but will probably be completed within another week.
The St. John's Sunday school held its Christmas exercises on Friday, the 28th, Holy Innocents' day. After supper, the evening was passed in a very delightful manner. Mrs. W. E. Wilson presented some of the scholars in a series of tableaux, which were wonderfully effective. As usual every scholar received a present from the school.

THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church
Holy Communion at 10:00 a. m., subject: "The Eternal Purpose of God." 11:30 a. m. Sunday School 11:30 a. m. Men's Bible Class 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service

Baptist Church
J. W. Priest, pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot.
Sunday morning service, 10 o'clock. Sermon: "Our Outlook on Life." The Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school, 11:15.
Junior Union, 3 o'clock.
B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6 o'clock.
Topic: "Christian Duty and Privilege."
Leader: Rev. Mack.
Evening service, 7 o'clock.
Sermon: "A New Life Needs New Power and New Purpose."
The annual meeting, Thursday evening, Jan 10.
All are invited to these services.

Church of Christ
Sunday services in Opera House.
J. S. Raum, minister.
10 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., Worship and sermon.
3 p. m., Meeting for ladies only.
6:00 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.
7:00 p. m., Evangelistic service, subject "The Slacker."
Special Gospel services every night during the week except Monday.
Raum and the Saxtons in charge.

Christian Science
First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Knights of Pythias Hall.
Sunday, 10:30 a. m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Subject for January 6, "God."
Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Eastminster Chapel
Cor. Republic Ave and Marquette St.
Sunday, January 6:
10 a. m.—Public worship. Subject: "The Crisis of a Great Life."
2:45 p. m.—Eastminster Sabbath school.
7:00 p. m.—Public worship. Subject: "He Came to Jesus."
Monday January 7th:
7 p. m., Stereoscopic lecture, subject: "Child Life of the World."
A cordial welcome to all services of the church.

Stockholders' Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of stockholders of the First State Bank of Alma, Mich. for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday evening, the fifteenth day of January, 1918. Polls open 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. (24-2-c)
CARL H. WASHBURN, Cashier.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent illness and death of our son.
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Mrs. Nellie Markham.

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Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following. "I have never found anything for stomach trouble and constipation as good as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

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FRIDAY

Taylor Holmes

—in—

"Efficiency Edgar's Courtship"

(You are sure to like this Star and play)

also "The Fatal Ring" No. 15

SATURDAY

Dick Rossom

—in—

"Cassidy"

also 2-reel Keystone Comedy, "Thirst"

SUNDAY

Mae Marsh

—in—

"Sunshine Alley"

(Miss Marsh is more adorable than ever in this)

also two reel comedy "The Diary of a Puppy"

MONDAY

Sessue Hayakawa

—in—

"The Call of the East"

(Good story—exquisite settings) also "The Seven Pearls" No. 8

TUESDAY

By Special Request—Return Engagement of Douglas Fairbanks

—in—

"The Lamb"

also Triangle comedy

WEDNESDAY

Walt Whitman

—in—

"The Tar Heeled Warrior"

also two reel comedy "Midnight Bell"

THURSDAY

Dorothy Dalton

—in—

"The Price Mark"

(An extraordinary fine picture) also Big V comedy

COMING

Geraldine Farrar in the "Woman God forgot."
Olive Thomas in "Broadway Arizona."
Return engagement of Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

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